A COPIE
Of certaine
LETTERS,
Which
Manifeſt the Deſigne of the late diſcovered PLOT.

FIRST,
His MAJESTIES Letter to the City of LONDON.

Secondly, The Lord DIGBIES Letter to Sir *Bazill Brooke*.

Laſtly, Other intercepted Letters touching the ſame Buſineſſe, with the ſix Propoſitions of the City to His Majeſty.

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His Majesties Letter.

TRusty and welbeloved, Wee greet you well. When Wee remember the many Acts of Grace and favour Wee and Our Royall Predecessors have conferred upon that Our City of London, and the many Examples of eminent Dutie and Loyalty, for which that City hath beene likewise famous, Wee are willing to believe, notwithstanding the great defection Wee have found in that place, that all men are not so farre degenerated from their Affection to Us & to the Peace of the Kingdome, as to desire a continuance of the miseries they now feel; & therefore being informed, that there is a desire in some

principall Persons of that City to present a Petition to Us, which may tend to the procuring a good understanding betweene Us and that Our City, whereby the Peace of the whole Kingdome may be procured: Wee have thought fit to let you know, That Wee are ready to receive any such Petition, and the Persons who shall be imployed to present the same to Us, shall have a safe Conduct; And you shall assure all Our good Subjects of that Our City, whose hearts are touched with any sense of Duty to Us, or of Love to the Religion and Lawes established, in the quiet and peaceable fruition whereof they and their Ancestors have enjoyed so great Happinesse, That Wee have neither past any Act, nor made any Profession or Protestation for the maintenance and Defence of the true Protestant Religion, and the Liberty of the Subject, which Wee will not most strictly and religiously observe; and for the which, Wee will not be alwayes ready to give them any security can be devised. And of these Our Gracious Letters, Wee expect a speedy Answer from you. And so Wee bid you farewell.

Given at Our Court at Oxford, 28. Decemb. 1643.

To Our trusty and welbeloved, Our Lord Major and Aldermen of Our City of *London*, and to all other Our well affected Subjects of that City.

There was another Letter from the King to the City, dated the 2. of January instant, verbatim as this is, onely the last was thus directed,

To Our trusty and welbeloved, Our Lord Major, the Aldermen, and Common Councell of Our City of London.

The Lord Digbies Letter to Sir Bazil Brooke.

SIR,

THe King and Queen have both commanded me to give you thanks in their name, for your care and diligence in their ſervice; and His Majeſty hath ſo much confidence in your diſcretion and warineſſe not to be deluded, that in hopes of the good effects towards a happy peace, which you ſeeme to promiſe your ſelfe from this negotiation; His Majeſty is pleaſed to deſcend very far in writing ſo gracious a Letter to thoſe, who may ſeeme to have deſerved ſo ill of him.

I ſend you herewithall a Copy of the Letter it ſelfe, which varies onely in the ſtile, not in the matter, from that draught which was ſent downe hither; which, (if you like, and continue confident, that it might be effectuall to ſo bleſſed an end, as Peace and Union) you are to deliver to thoſe parties, ſeconded with aſſurances of His Majeſties moſt gracious and ſincere inclination, to give them full ſatisfaction in all their reaſonable deſires; but if you ſhall finde cauſe to leſſen the beliefe you had of a powerfull effect by this Letter of His Majeſties, it is then

recommended to your discretion, to forbear the delivery of it; since it would be a very unfit thing, to impose so great a grace and condescending of His Majesty to hazards of being made frustrate and contemned. God send you happy successe in this great undertaking: I professe it is that, wherein my belief and reason goe along more comfortably then with any thing that I have known in projection since these troubles: but it is not fit to wade further into the businesse this hazardous way; and therefore I shall adde no more, but that I am,

your very affectionate servant;

Decemb. 29.
1643.

Sir,

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THis inclosed shall serve for you, aswell as for him to whom it is directed; lose no time, you were expected here every day this weeke: if you can bring this businesse to a happy conclusion, besides the generall good, it will be for your owne particular, the best that ever you did. If you come not with this bearer, I pray you send me by him the furred Coate I wrote to you for: make all the possible haste you can, that the Petitions may speedily be sent hither, and assure your friends, that if they performe their parts of the six propositions, I am confident, the K. will condescend to their desires.

December. 30
1643.

A Letter, intituled, to the man in the Moon.

SIR,

I wrote to you formerly, but never had any answer. I assure you faithfully, I have not bin wanting to doe what you desired (as you may perceive by the effects) and if you have not your desire, blame your selves: But give me leave to tell you, that if you neglect the opportunity now offered you, it may be, you shall never have the like againe; for I have made Her whom you have given just occasion to be your worst friend, to be your best,

best, and the onely instrument to procure what here is sent you; and be confident she shall still be so, provided you doe your parts. Consider, I beseech you, what a gate is opened by bringing in of the Scots, for the destruction of this Kingdom: if there be not a peace (which I pray God Almighty to send speedily) you must expect armies of strangers from severall places, who are now a preparing, who certainely at their in-comming will over-runne the whole Kingdome, and when it is past remedy, you will see your owne errour: therefore (to prevent more misery then I am able to expresse to this deplorable Kingdome and the effusion of the blood of millions of men, women, and children, which must infallibly be this summer) apply your selves in an humble and submissive way to His Majesty, whom, I know, you will finde ready with armes out-stretched to receive you both to favour and mercy, and even grant you graces beyond expectation: Deferre no time for Gods sake, and what you will do, do speedily, I say againe, do it speedily, and lose no time for reasons I may not write.

The six Propositions of the City to His Majesty.

1. IN primis, That one part of the Excise be allotted for the payment of those monies taken up by His Majesty in these times of Warre.

2. That another part of the Excise be allotted for the payment of all monies taken up by the Parliament upon the Publike Faith, and for the Irish Adventurers.

3. That an Act of Parliament be passed for the setling the Excise, untill the foresaid engagements be payd in full to every one.

4. That a third part of the Excise remaine unto His Majesty during His life, for the repairing of His Majesties Ports and Forts of the Kingdome, and maintenance of His Majesties Shipping.

5. That an Act of oblivion be made, and generall pardon be given to all by His Majesty.

6. That all Members of both Houses of Parliament be called together, and that those absents either by death or expulsion of both King and Parliament be elected anew, according to the ancient Lawes of the Kingdome.

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